THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Lessons

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 16:13-17; Luke 22:56-62; John 21:15-17; Acts 2:5. DEVOTIONAL READING: Acts 1:6-14.

Man of Power

Lesson for September 3, 1950

Dr. Foreman

"I KNEW him when—" can be a deadly weapon. It has knocked down many a good man. Some one is being considered for a job, and he is just about to be accepted, when somebody sounds off with "I knew him when—"

"I knew him when he was a boy and he was a neighborhood nuisance. I knew him when he used to live here, and his family were no-account. I knew him when he was in school and he never had high grades. I knew him before he amounted to anything, so he can't amount to anything now.

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A Case Against Peter

IT IS A GOOD thing the Christian church never took that attitude about the Apostles, and a very good thing they didn't take that line with Peter. It is true that he did not come out of the top drawer. It is quite true that when he was young he was no prize specimen. In fact, it would not be hard to make almost as strong a case against him as against Judas, if you take Simon Peter at his low point.

"Shall we keep Peter on our list?" Suppose you had been one of the other apostles and had been asked that question the night after the crucifixion. If you had not had a rather generous heart, you could easily have turned in an unfavorable report.

"Well," you might have said, "he has some good points. He is sometimes on the alert, never fails for something to say. But he doesn't always come through in a pinch. I understand the Lord took him up to the top of the mountain when he was transfigured, and what did that man do but go to sleep? Any of us would have given our right eye to have been there. But we never did get much of a story out of poor old Simon Peter. He was asleep most of the time.

"And do you remember that dinner when Mary poured all that ointment over Jesus' head? It was a beautiful thing for her to do, I mean her motive was beautiful. But Peter complained about it.

"Then there was the night—only last night, but it seems a year away—when Jesus took Simon Peter and those two others into the garden with him. All the Master wanted was company. But old Peter was asleep again in no time.

"But that's not the worst. Last night at the supper table Peter bragged about how brave he was—got out a couple of swords in fact—and he swore that even if every one else denied the Master, he wouldn't. But just before cock-crow he showed himself up for a liar and a coward. Some girls, just a girl, mind you, somebody out of the kitchen, said she knew he was a friend of Jesus. And this Peter starts swearing in the ugliest kind of language that he never knew Jesus, his very best friend.

"Well, Judas hanged himself, and Peter might as well . . . I don't see how he can possibly hold his head up again after last night."

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Man of Power

NEVERTHELESS, Peter became a hero, a man of power. Look at his story in Acts 2-5. A recognized leader of the Christians, defying the very men of whom he had once been so afraid; honest, rock-ribbed, standing up for the Master when it meant risking his life to do so.

Even if you could not believe the miracle-stories which are told about him in Acts, you would have to admit that it is not every man who has miracle-stories told about him.

It is no weakling who has the reputation of being able to raise men from the dead and to kill liars with a glance of the eye.

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Transforming Secret

WHAT WAS the secret of Peter's transformation from the half-braggart, half-coward he used to be, to the stalwart fearless man of power he became? The answer is in those stories in our Scripture readings from Matthew and John.

The first tells of Jesus' faith in Simon Peter. The second tells of that again, and also of Peter's response to Jesus' faith in him. It is the secret of any Christian's success in being all that God knows he can be.

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Rocks

Rocks, August 28.- Farmers are very busy now.

Donald Roach went to Roanoke on August 17 for his examination before his call to the Army.

Faye Ranson celebrated her birthday last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson went to Lynchburg awhile last Sunday to see her parents, Mr and Mrs. F. H. Marks.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh recently.

A few from Rocks attended the funeral of Howard Paulette at Concord Church last Monday afternoon.

Mrs. W. F. Ranson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie S. Ranson.

Lewis Dickerson took Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilson to Lynchburg today.

Mrs. Rhomy Wilson and daughter, Doris Evelyn went to Appomattox Saturday morning.

The children are staying at home since polio is so bad.

Mr. and Mrs. Claiborne Inge, Miss Annie C. Martin and Rodney Roach made the Skyline Drive Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder went to Pamplin this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Richardson and children, of Appomattox, and Richard Inge, of Farmville, were visiting Mrs. D. R. Inge Sunday.

Hudson Dickerson, of Brookneal spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and family.

Harry Eugene Ranson will celebrate his birthday this week.

A large crowd attended Prayer meeting at Rocks Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Marks, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with their daughter, son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson.

The three boys of Howard Tolley's near Piney Ridge and The Singing Welch furnished special music at Rocks Sunday morning. It was enjoyed by all.

A goodly number came out for the first revival service this afternoon. Rev. Edward Farrar was there as expected. It is hoped that the other church on the field will come to hear him as he has preached there before.

Two New Varieties On Recommended List

Two new high-yielding fall oat varieties, the Arlington and Atlantic, have appeared on the recommended list for Virginia farmers this year.

Edward Skulkeum and T. M. Starling, of the Virginia Experiment Station's agronomy staff, reporting on the oat breeding program in Virginia, say the two new oats both stand up well, with little lodging. They mature about the same time as Lee Cold Proof, and a little earlier than Forkedeer.

Arlington is recommended for the Coastal Plain and Southern Piedmont. The winter-hardy Atlantic is recommended for west of the Blue Ridge and Northern Piedmont.

Arlington, in two years' tests, has consistently outyielded other varieties in plantings on farms and at outlying field units of the Experiment Stations. At Accoma., yields were 57.3 bushels per acre, as compared to 37.8 bushels for Letoria, and 36.2 bushels for Lee Cold Proof. At Williamsburg, Arlington yielded 67.3, Letoria yielded 52 bushels, and Lee Cold Proof 57.8 bushels. At Petersburg, Arlington yielded 69.6, Letoria 48.4, and Lee Cold Proof, 56.2. The Arlington is a reddish-yellow, medium tall oat.

Although the bright yellow Atlantic oat yielded somewhat less than other varieties, the researchers believe its winter-hardiness will make it a valuable addition on the recommended list.

The researchers advise seeding fall oats 30 days before the average date of the first killing frost. Apply 400 to 600 pounds of 3-12-6 at planting time, then top-dress with 100 pounds of nitrate or soda in late February or early March. Seed at the rate of 2 1-2 bushels per a.

THE REASON

(The Smithfield, N. C., Herald)

A Smithfield motorist reported that he had a quiet and peaceful trip on Highway 301 from Benson to Smithfield the other day.

Cars were not speeding. There was no passing on hills, curves or bridges. No motorist was forced to take to the shoulders to prevent a head-on collision. This was all most unusual for the highway which has come to be known as "Bloody 301."

Of course, there is a catch in it. The Smithfield motorist during the entire trip was directly behind a State Highway Patrol Car.

Play safe—drive carefully.

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Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, August 30.- Paul Thornhill, Jessie Reynolds, Preston Coleman, Malcolm Booker and Carry Harvey attended the tobacco meeting which was held in Washington last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nuckols announce the birth of a granddaughter, born August 17th to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nuckols, Jr., of Stapleton.

The family of J. H. Reynolds and Raymond Martin were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martin.

Lynchburg College plans opening on September 10.

Yankees making bid for last tight American League race.

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...ial Performance ...The Common Glory"

...burg, Va., Aug. 30.- On ...l, 1781, a contingent of ...ench troops under the com... the Marquis de Saint Simon ...Jamestown Island from ...Hudice and marched across ...Virginia Peninsula to ...ffered Lafayette and ...ps at Yorktown.

...renchmen, part of the ...ish Admiral De Grasse had ...with him at the urging of ...ton, marched along the ...Jamestown Road, within a ...rt of the site of Lake ...Amphitheatre, where Paul ...s "The Common Glory" ...e performed for its fourth ...season.

...ple, which never before has ...ranted as a historical ann... Virginia, will be observed ...Friday evening at a ...Jamestown Festival" ...ture of "The Common ...in honor of America's allies ...of Independence.

...r John S. Battle, on be... the Commonwealth of Vir...ginia, has extended an invitation to the French Ambassador at Washington, M. Henri Bonnet, to be present, as well as the Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, Admiral W. M. Fechteler, at Norfolk. Among the guests present on Friday will be Pierre Schmitz, Consular Agent of the French Republic at Norfolk, and Mrs. Schmitz. A naval band also has been invited to play martial and French airs in the amphitheatre area.

The landing of Saint Simon's troops signalized the beginning of the combined movement of land and sea forces, carried out with remarkable precision, which enabled General Washington to bottle up Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown. The 3300 brilliantly uniformed Frenchmen were brought up the James River instead of the York to avoid contact with units of the British fleet which were hovering outside the Capes. Saint Simon had under his command eight ships of the line and thirty-two smaller craft. The French warships taking part were the "Experiment," the "Couragreux," the "Aigrette," the "Diligente," the "Gaudaloupe," the "Caton," the "Triton," and the "Valeur."

Historians generally agree that but for the cooperation of the French and the control of the sea by De Grasse the victory at Yorktown would not have been possible and the struggle for American independence would have dragged on a few years more.

Many of the French troops who landed on Jamestown Island, where the first Englishment had set foot 174 years earlier, died before the British volleys at the Battle of Yorktown. It is these Unknown Soldiers of America's first ally, along with their comrades, whom the Jamestown Corporation, producer of "The Common Glory," will honor Friday.

"The Common Glory," which has now been seen by three hundred thousand visitors to Williamsburg, has been playing to nearly full houses during the best nights of August. The drama, in two acts and sixteen scenes, is performed in a specially built amphitheatre, against the seeding of a woodland lake, untouched since the days of Pocahontas. The amphitheatre has been called by Robert Edmond Jones, noted stage designer, the most beautiful outdoor theatre in the world.

"The Common Glory" is played by a cast of 150 actors, singers, dancers and a Narrator. The lake itself is used as part of the stage setting, representing the York River at the Battle of Yorktown.

"The Common Glory" season will run two weeks longer this year, closing on Saturday evening, September 16th. The outdoor symphonis drama is produced by the Jamestown Corporation, a non - profit organization, in connection with the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Cover crops pay off for farmers.

German official urges the federalization of Europe.

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Information For Sportsmen

Richmond, Aug. 30.- According to I. T. Quinn, Executive Director of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, some confusion seems to have arisen in the minds of sportsmen of the Old Dominion as to the opening and closing dates of the 1950 squirrel season in various counties throughout the State. Mr. Quinn stated that many of the sportsmen have written to the Commission since the 1950 season was set asking for clarification on the season limits in the various areas.

The law is quite specific as to dates and counties, the executive director pointed out. It states that the open season on squirrels for the coming season in Halifax, Campbell, Appomattox, Buckingham, Albemarle, Greene and all counties east shall be from November 20 to January 20, with the exception of Northampton and Accomac on the Eastern Shore, where the season will coincide with the counties of Nelson, Amherst, Bedford, Pittsylvania and Henry and run from September 15 to September 30, and from November 20 to January 20 following.

In Rockbridge, Craig and Alleghany and all counties to the north, the season shall be from November 20 to January 5.

In the counties of Franklin, Floyd, Patrick, Carroll and Scott, the season shall be from September 1 to January 20. All other counties shall be from September 15 to September 30 and from November 20 to January 5.

It was decided to eliminate the early September squirrel season in the eastern area of the State, because of a high mortality to nesting female squirrels at this time and subsequent loss of the orphaned broods. The elimination of the early season should mean more squirrels for the sportsmen later on.

GAME WARDEN SCHOOL CANCELLED

The Virginia Game Warden School scheduled for the week of August 21st at V. P. I. was cancelled this year because of the high polio incidence in the western part of the State and the consequent danger of assembling a large group of men from all over the State and exposing them to the danger of infection.

I. T. Quinn, Executive Director of the Game Commission, made the decision to cancel the training session after consultation with Dr. L. J. Roper, State Health Commissioner. Mr. Quinn stated that district warden meetings would be held later in the year at which time it was hoped to cover the subjects that would have been taken up at Blacksburg.

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCES STATE ORGANIZATION

A new state organization, "Virginia Young Men and Women's Club," has been formed with Thomas M. Tucker, of Amherst County, as its head.

The announcement was made by W. W. Eure, older rural youth specialist at V. P. I., who said the preliminary plans for organization were made, and the officers elected, at the older rural youth camp held at Camp Farrar last week.

The organization, Eure explained, will coordinate the activities of local community and county young men and women's clubs, and will plan for state and district events of interest to rural young people. The officers will meet some time in September with Eure.

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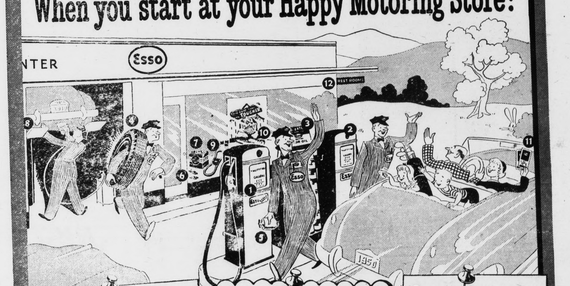

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